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SUBJECT: PNC PARTY NEWSPAPER FEATURES ARTICLE ON CIA

1. THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) PARTY NEWSPAPER, NEW NATION, OF DEC. 26 RAN A LENGTHY UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE ON CIA ACTIVITIES TITLED "THE SINISTER FOOTPRINTS OF THE CIA." ARTICLE COVERS INFORMATION PRIMARILY CONTAINED IN EXPOSES OF MARCHETTI AND AGEE CONCERNING CIA ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA. TONE OF ARTICLE WAS HOSTILE AND STRIDENT IN TRACING UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS OF CIA FROM COLD WAR ERA TO COUP WHICH OVERTHREW ALLENDE IN 1973. STORY EMPHASIZED THAT CIA SHOULD BE VIEWED, ALONG WITH OTHER SUBVERSIVE AGENCIES OF USG SUCH AS THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (SIC), USAID AND THE PEACE CORPS, AS PART OF THE OVERALL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS WHICH ARE USED TO MAINTAIN U.S. DOMINATION OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

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2. ARTICLE CLOSED WITH LISTING OF SUPPOSED HEADS OF CIA IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. AMBASSADORS JOSEPH JOVA, HARRY SHLAUDEMANN AND ROBERT HILL WERE IDENTIFIED AS QUOTE CIA MEN UNQUOTE.

3. CIA ARTICLE MAY BE RELATED TO OTHER MORE

SENSATIONALIST COVERAGE OF CIA RECENTLY FEATURED
IN MEDIA OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND SURINAM
FOLLOWING VISITS OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL TO
THOSE COUNTRIES. THIS STRONG INDICTMENT OF THE
CIA APPEARED IN THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE RULING
PARTY THOUGH NOT IN THE OTHER GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED
MEDIA. SINCE NEW NATION REPORT DID NOT ALLUDE TO
CIA ACTIVITY IN GUYANA AND CARIBBEAN, IT MAY BE
INTENDED AS BASIS FOR ANOTHER INSTALLMENT.

4. EMBASSY, WHILE NOT SURPRISED AT ARTICLE, IS
CONCERNED AT ITS HARSH TONE AND FACT THAT ITS
PUBLICATION IN PNC ORGAN WAS UNDOUBTEDLY APPROVED
BY HIGH-LEVEL GOG OFFICIAL, PROBABLY DEP. PRIME
MINISTER PTOLEMY REID. WE CAN ONLY PRESUME THEN
THAT STORY REFLECTS GUYANESE THINKING CONCERNING
CIA AND USG AND THAT GOG IS USING REPORT TO
REITERATE TO PARTY ORGANIZATIONS HOW DANGEROUS
CIA IS TO GUYANA. IT NATURALLY FOLLOWS THEN
THAT INTENT OF STORY IS TO PORTRAY U.S. AS
ESSENTIALLY UNFRIENDLY POWER.

5. EMBASSY WILL POUCH COPY OF ARTICLE TO
DEPARTMENT.
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